



# 4th Grade Student Essay Competition

## Indiana's Great Outdoors!

**Why are nature and Indiana's waterways so important? Write an essay, and you could be honored at a Statehood Day celebration!**

The **Indiana Center for the Book** is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana's 205th Statehood Day! This year's theme is *Indiana's Great Outdoors*. Winners of the essay contest will be honored on Friday, December 10, 2021 either at one of four participating locations or via a virtual ceremony. Questions? Email [icb@library.in.gov](mailto:icb@library.in.gov).

**First Place: CollegeChoice 529 Deposit of \$250!**

**2nd, 3rd, and 4th Place Winners:**

**CollegeChoice 529 Deposits of \$150!**

**Entry forms will be available here in August 2021:**

<http://www.in.gov/library/statehood.htm>

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Any Indiana school is welcome to attend statehood day celebrations, regardless of whether or not they participate in the contest or have a winner. Contact one of the four participating locations for details.

## — ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND DEADLINES —

The competition is open to any Indiana 4th grade public, private, or homeschooled student, in the 2021-2022 school year. A panel of judges will choose 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners.

Essays must range from 100 to 300 words, handwritten or typed.

Essays must be submitted with an entry form. Individual entries should use the **2021 Individual Entry form**. Class sets should use the **2021 Group Entry Form**. In addition, the following information should be included on each essay for class sets: student name, teacher name, and school name.

Essays should be well organized and reflective of the theme: *Indiana's Great Outdoors!* Judges are looking forward to seeing your students' interpretation of the theme. Some ideas to help them include: *Why is nature important? How do you enjoy nature in Indiana? Why are water and other natural resources important? What outdoor recreational spots in Indiana are special to you? Why is nature important to a great state?* This contest supports the following Indiana Educational Standards: **4.W.3.2, 4.W.4, 4.W.6.1 all, 4.W.6.2 all**

Entries may be mailed OR emailed.

Mail your entries to: Indiana Center for the Book  
Indiana State Library  
140 N. Senate Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

OR Email your entries as an attachment to [icb@library.in.gov](mailto:icb@library.in.gov).

**Mailed essays must be postmarked by Friday, October 22, 2021.**

**Emailed entries must be received by Friday, October 22, 2021.**

**The winners will be invited to read their essays at one of four participating locations on Statehood Day!**



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